

## **2010 Cooperator of the Year – John Clay**

The farm settled in 1816 by Jeremiah Clay is located near Lupus, where he raised cattle, hogs, sheep, corn, and wheat. The original land grant signed by John Q. Adams is held proudly by the family.

Today Clay Farms is managed by John and his son Andy who represent the sixth and seventh generation. The family business has increased several fold in size and remains much diversified. Clay Farms runs a commercial cow calf herd and produces a variety of crops, including corn, soybeans, and wheat. In addition the family has been a sales representative for Pioneer Hi-Bred for over 25 years. John is a wholesaler in agriculture chemicals, and is the owner of Jamestown Agri Service.

John and his wife DaLana, have two children, Andy and Kristen. John is a graduate of the University of Missouri, Columbia with a degree in Agriculture Education, and a Certified Crop Advisor degree in agronomy. John served 20 years on the Moniteau County FSA Committee, 9 years as a board of director of the College of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources at the University of Missouri, Columbia, and is currently serving as a board member of the Bradford Research Farm, University of Missouri, Columbia, president of the Overton-Wooldridge Levee and Drainage District, and president of the Plowboy Bend Levee and Drainage Association.

Their son, Andy and his wife Kacey have three children, Hudson, and twins, Hayden and Hadley. Andy majored in agriculture business. Andy serves on the Moniteau County Farm Bureau Board of directors, and is a co-founder of the Moniteau County Special Sportsmen for disabled children. Andy and his family reside on the farm where his grandfather Hudson Clay lived for over 50 years.

Their daughter Kristen, and husband Adam Barnes have two children, Alex and Lauren. Kristen majored in Psychology. Kristen and her family reside in Atlanta Georgia.

Clay Farms has been recognized as Centennial Farm recipients, Moniteau Co Farm Family in 1963 and recognized as the Farm Family of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century at the Governor Conference on Agriculture.

The Clay's have installed several conservation practices throughout the decades such as terracing, spring developments, grazing systems and filter strips.